



THE GOOD NEWS

December 2017

Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd

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Monday: 8 a.m. – Episcopal Day School-Chapel

Holy Eucharist

Sunday: 8:00, 10:30 a.m. & 6 p.m. in the Church.

September-May

Thursday: 2 p.m. – Episcopal Day School-Church

Holy Eucharist & Healing Service

Wednesday: 12:05 p.m. With unction in the Chapel

BISHOP OF WESTERN LOUISIANA

The Right Rev. Jacob W. Owensby, Ph.D.

RECTOR-*The Rev. John "Jack" G. Myers*

ASSISTANT PRIEST-*The Rev. Jim Lueckenhoff*

RETIRED PRIEST-*The Rev. Petroula Ruehlen*

HEAD OF SCHOOL

Bishop Noland Episcopal Day School

The Rev. Frances "Boo" Kay

PARISH SECRETARY- *Margie Collins*

FINANCIAL SECRETARY/

OFFICE MANAGER- *Ann Lindsay*

MINISTER OF MUSIC

ORGANIST/CHOIR MASTER- *Dr. Patrick Parker*

MUSIC MINISTRY-*Pam LeBlanc*

December 3, Lessons & Carols and

Gumbo, 6 p.m.

December 10, Celebration lunch after
10:30 a.m. service

SEASON'S GREETINGS GOOD SHEPHERD

You've probably heard the song - "Say Merry Christmas." It picks at secularism a bit, but it's also poignant to we who call on the name of Jesus.

If they don't see Merry Christmas in the window,

No, you don't go in that store.

If you don't see Merry Christmas in the window

Yes! You walk right by that door.

Oh it's all about the little baby Jesus and my Savior's day of birth.

It's the one and only reason that we celebrate the season

Wishing love to all and peace upon the earth...

I'm really not trying to pick a fight with anyone. Rather, I like that this song *reminds me* that Christmas is about the Incarnation of God's Son and His coming return and reign upon earth. It's easy for me to get distracted by all the fun and glitter of the season and not respond to the gift of Jesus and the promise of His Kingdom.

For the most part the traditions of the season weave together wonderfully with the spirituality we are trying to get in touch with, and we walk more closely with our Savior loving one another as we prepare for His return. On the other hand, we can get so distracted by the shopping, decorating and preparations that we forget the reason for the season.

At Good Shepherd we have a number of events that can help you combine the fun of Christmas with the spiritual realities that underlie it. During this Advent/Christmas season you can fill your heart, mind (and tummy) with the memory of Christ's first coming so that you'll be looking for His return. Who knows when that will be - maybe this year!

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November 19 - Pledge card In-gathering at Good Shepherd

December 3 - 6:00 PM Lessons & Carols with Gumbo Supper following

December 10 - Final In-gathering and Pledge Tally at Celebration Lunch featuring Cochon de Lait, (Roasted Pig) compliments of Tad Martin and friends

December 10 - 6:00 PM Choral Evensong featuring Britten: Ceremony of Carols

December 24 - 9:00 AM Advent 4 Celebration of Holy Eucharist



December 24 - Christmas Eve Services

3:00 PM Children's Eucharist with Blessing of the Crèche

5:00 PM Family Eucharist

9:00 PM Solemn Choral Eucharist

December 25th - 10:00 AM Christmas morning celebration of Holy Eucharist

So have fun, attend parties, ring the Salvation Army Bell, go Caroling AND take advantage of Good Shepherd's celebrations of Jesus' first coming as we look forward to His next visit!

Come and stand out from the crowd, Say Merry Christmas and be proud, Christmas isn't just another holiday!



Merry Christmas - Jack+

The Messiah

Lake Charles MESSIAH
Chorus & Orchestra - 2017

~ A Seasonal Tradition ~

You are invited to attend the 77th performance of Handel's MESSIAH on Sunday, December 3rd, 2017 @ 3 p.m. in Tritico Theatre in the Fine Arts Bldg. at McNeese. This event is free and open to the public.

Looking Ahead

December 3–Lessons & Carols at 6 p.m. With Gumbo following the service.

December 7– EDS Christmas in the Garth

December 10– Celebration “Cochon de lait” (pig roast) after 10:30 service, Evensong at 6 p.m.

December 11– St. Cecilia & Daughters of the King Christmas Party, 6 p.m.

December 15– Rosewood Nursing Home Christmas Party, 10 a.m.

December 22– Church office closed

December 24– Advent 4 service at 9 a.m., Christmas Eve Services at 3, 5 and 9 p.m.

December 25– Christmas Day service at 10 a.m. Church office closed.

December 31– New Years Eve– Services: 8 and 10:30 a.m. & 6 p.m.

December 29 and January 1– Church office closed



Calcasieu Community Clinic

A big thank you to those that helped with the Community Clinic Dinner on October 25, 2017.

Jan Ware, Jackie Carleton, Anita Liff, Bob Mack, GERALYN DAVIS, Susan Ardoin, Missy Shaddock, Mary Richardson, Coral Jones, Joan Myers, Bryan & Jane Storzyszyn. Your contribution was greatly appreciated by the Clinic Staff. Thank you again for helping. Jane Storzyszyn



Communication

Communication is at the heart of engagement both within the church and beyond its walls.

Why do churches need good, well-planned communication?

- Communication is crucial for outreach.
- Limited funds and limited time require clear goals and a clear communication plan.
- A unified consistent message is an effective means of communication.

Volunteers needed: Have you dreamed of being a reporter or a photographer? Do you have Facebook, Pinterest, Twitter, Instagram or Snapchat skills? Call Martha Whelan at 540-4128.

December Birthday & Prayer Calendar

- 1 Finn Kelley
- 2 Joe Vincent, Wes Maze
- 3 John O'Donnell
- 5 Barry Whitten
- 7 Sylvia Seals
- 8 Benjamin Olsan
- 9 Jeanine Newman
- 10 Audrey Lindsay
- 11 Larry Fontenot, Lindy George
- 13 Keith Duplechin
- 16 Donna Little
- 17 Dorothy Sahlmann
- 18 Michele Bailey, Field LaMotte
- 19 Janie Duplechin, Ginger Tatum
- 21 Remy Girard, Meredith Kingham
- 22 Jimmy Boyer, Ellen McAdon, Gabby Saucier
- 23 Elaine Cameron, Katie Fruge', Walker Hale
- 25 Eddie Phillips, Frances Walker
- 26 Janet Allured, Tom Sanders
- 27 Miles Prestia, Camille Pousson
- 28 Jean George, Jerry Lynne Hollins
- Martha Hoskins, Linda Lueckenhoff, Charles Reeves
- 30 Doug Walsworth, Martha Whelan



Adult Education



"The Upper Room ..."

Join us Sunday Mornings at 9:30 a.m.
The Ten Commandments:

Laws of the Heart

Joan Chittister, OSB

**What are the Ten Commandments,
and are they still meaningful today?**

Join us as we continue our study of the Ten Commandments with Joan Chittister, a Benedictine sister, the best-selling author of over 50 books. She gives us the original context for each commandment, and she invites us to think deeply about its current meaning in our lives.

Dec 3 Conversations in Hardtner Hall

Dec 10 The Sixth Commandment: The Law of Commitment

Dec 17 The Seventh Commandment: The Law of Sharing

Dec 24 No Class today.

IS IT NORMAL AGING OR DEMENTIA?

"Is it Normal Aging or Dementia?" was the topic of the "Connecting Our Roots" program held on Halloween at the Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd in Lake Charles. "Connecting Our Roots," or COR, is a program for older adults at Good Shepherd.

Annette Tritico, RN and BSN, and Dr. Kashinath Yadalam were the speakers. Ms. Tritico has been a registered nurse for 33 years and is now a Clinical Liaison at Evangeline Home Health in Lake Charles. Dr. Yadalam, a psychiatrist affiliated with Lake Charles Memorial Hospital, established Lake Charles Clinical Trials, which is the only research clinic specializing in psychiatric clinical trials on southwest Louisiana.

Dr. Yadalam and Ms. Tritico discussed the many types of dementia and helped people understand when troublesome behavior is caused by "normal" aging, and when it may be caused by a type of dementia.

They listed these signs as characteristics of normal aging: Making bad decisions once in a while, missing a monthly payment once in a while, forgetting which day it is but remembering later, forgetting which word to use sometimes, losing things from time to time, but being able to retrace steps to find it.

In contrast, they said that the following actions may be signs of dementia: Using poor judgment and making bad decisions on a regular basis, not being able to manage a budget, losing track of the date or the season, having difficulty making conversation, misplacing things and not being able to find them by retracing steps.

Both speakers and many members of the audience were dressed in costume to celebrate Halloween, which may have served to lighten any depression caused by the topic! The material elicited much discussion and many questions. COR is planning a follow up program on Alzheimer's Disease next year.

Good Shepherd's COR group meets from September through May. Events are open to the public free of charge.

O God, make the door of this house wide enough to receive all who need your fellowship and ours, and narrow enough to shut out all envy, pride, and strife. Make its threshold smooth enough to be no stumbling block to children nor to straying feet, but rugged and strong enough to turn back the tempter's power. God, make the door of this house the gateway to your eternal kingdom. Amen.

milestones We give thanks for the baptism of: Keegan Edwin Garrison, son of Patricia and Blake, brother of Kambry, grandson of Charles and Linda Dalgliesh.

We pray for those who have died: Kathleen Boellert and Pastor Melvin Tisdale. *May they rest in peace and rise in Glory and may light perpetual shine upon them.*

THIS IS A CHANGE

Deadline for the January newsletter will be December 8. View on-line at www.goodshepherd-lc.com

• *December, 2017*

Friday, December 1

- Narcotics Anonymous, 6 p.m. Outreach House

Saturday, December 2

- AA in Outreach House, 10 a.m.

Sunday, December 3, breakfast by Bloody Marys

- † Services at 8 & 10:30 a.m.
- Congregation Conversations, 9:30 a.m.
- Children's Sunday School, 10:30 a.m.
- † LESSONS & CAROLS 6 p.m. with gumbo following.

Monday, December 4

- † EDS Chapel, 8 a.m.
- Study Group, 11:30 a.m.– 1 p.m.
- Men's AA meeting in Outreach House, 6 p.m.

Tuesday, December 5

- Rosewood—stuffing ditty bags at Anne Phillips home, 9:30 a.m.
- Labyrinth in the gym, 6-8 p.m.

Wednesday, December 6

- Men's Breakfast at Vicki B's, 7:30 a.m.
- Bible Study, 10 a.m.
- † Holy Eucharist and Healing service, 12:05 p.m.
- EDS Teachers Lunch in Hardtner Hall, 12:30 p.m.
- AA in Outreach House, 6:30 p.m.
- Wednesday Night Study Group, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, December 7

- † EDS Eucharist, 2 p.m.
- EDS Christmas in the Garth, 5 p.m.
- AA meeting in the Outreach House, 6 p.m.

Friday, December 8

- Narcotics Anonymous, 6 p.m. Outreach House

Saturday, December 9

- AA in Outreach House, 10 a.m.

- Salvation Army Bell Ringing at Sam's, 10 a.m.– 8 p.m.

CELEBRATION SUNDAY— 10:30 A.M. SERVICE WITH COCHON DE LAIT AFTER

Sunday, December 10—breakfast by Quackers, 9:30 a.m.

- † Services at 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.
- Adult Christian Ed., 9:30 a.m.
- Children's Sunday School, 10:30 a.m.
- EVENSONG, 6 p.m.

Monday, December 11

- † EDS Chapel, 8 a.m.
- Study Group, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.
- † Chateau du Lac Eucharist, 2 p.m.
- Men's AA group in Outreach House, 6 p.m.
- St. Cecilia's Guild and Daughters of the King Christmas Party, 6 p.m.

Wednesday, December 13

- Bible Study, 10 a.m.
- † Holy Eucharist and Healing service, 12:05 p.m.
- EDS Christmas concert in the church, 2 p.m.
- AA in Outreach House, 6:30 p.m.
- Wednesday Night Study Group, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, December 14

- † EDS Eucharist, 2 p.m.
- AA meeting in the Outreach House, 6 p.m.

Friday, December 15

- Rosewood Nursing Home Christmas party, 10 a.m.
- Narcotics Anonymous, 6 p.m. Outreach House

Saturday, December 16

- AA in Outreach House, 10 a.m.
- Salvation Army Bell Ringing at Sam's, 10 a.m.– 8 p.m.

Sunday, December 17 breakfast by Roadkill

- † Services 8:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. & 6 p.m.
- Adult Christian Ed., 9:30 a.m.
- Children's Sunday School, 10:30 a.m.

Monday, December 18

- † EDS Chapel, 8 a.m.

- Study Group, 11:30—1 p.m.
- Building and Grounds meeting, 11 a.m.
- Finance Meeting, 12 noon
- Vestry Meeting, 5:30 p.m.
- Men's AA meeting in Outreach House, 6 p.m.

Wednesday, December 20

- Bible Study, 10 a.m.
- † Holy Eucharist and Healing service, 12:05 p.m.
- No Hospitality meeting in December
- AA in Outreach House, 6:30 p.m.
- Wednesday Night Study Group, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, December 21

- † EDS Eucharist, 2 p.m.
- AA in Outreach House, 6 p.m.

Friday, December 22—Church office closed

- NA in Outreach house, 6 p.m.

Saturday, December 23

- AA in Outreach House, 10 a.m.

Sunday, December 24, no breakfast

- † Advent 4- One Morning Service at 9 a.m.
- † Christmas Eve Services at 3 p.m. , 5 p.m. 9 p.m.

Monday, December 25— Christmas Day— Church office closed.

- † Service at 10 a.m.
- Men's AA meeting in Outreach House, 6 p.m.

Wednesday, December 27

- Bible Study, 10 a.m.
- Holy Eucharist & Healing Service, 12:05 p.m.
- Daughters of the King meeting, 1 p.m.
- AA in Outreach House, 6:30 p.m.
- Wednesday Night Group, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, December 28

- AA in Outreach House, 6 p.m.

Friday, December 29— Church office closed

- NA in Outreach House, 6 p.m.

Saturday, December 30—AA in Outreach House, 10 a.m.

Sunday, December 31—New Year's Eve

† Services at 8, 10:30 a.m. & 6 p.m.

Monday, January 1— Church office closed

Men's AA in Outreach House, 6 p.m.



The Labyrinth will be available in the gym on Tuesday, December 5th from 6—8 p.m.

GOOD SHEPHERD— YOUTH STUDY
WITH FATHER JACK

Grades 6-12

Every 3RD & 4TH SUNDAY MORNINGS

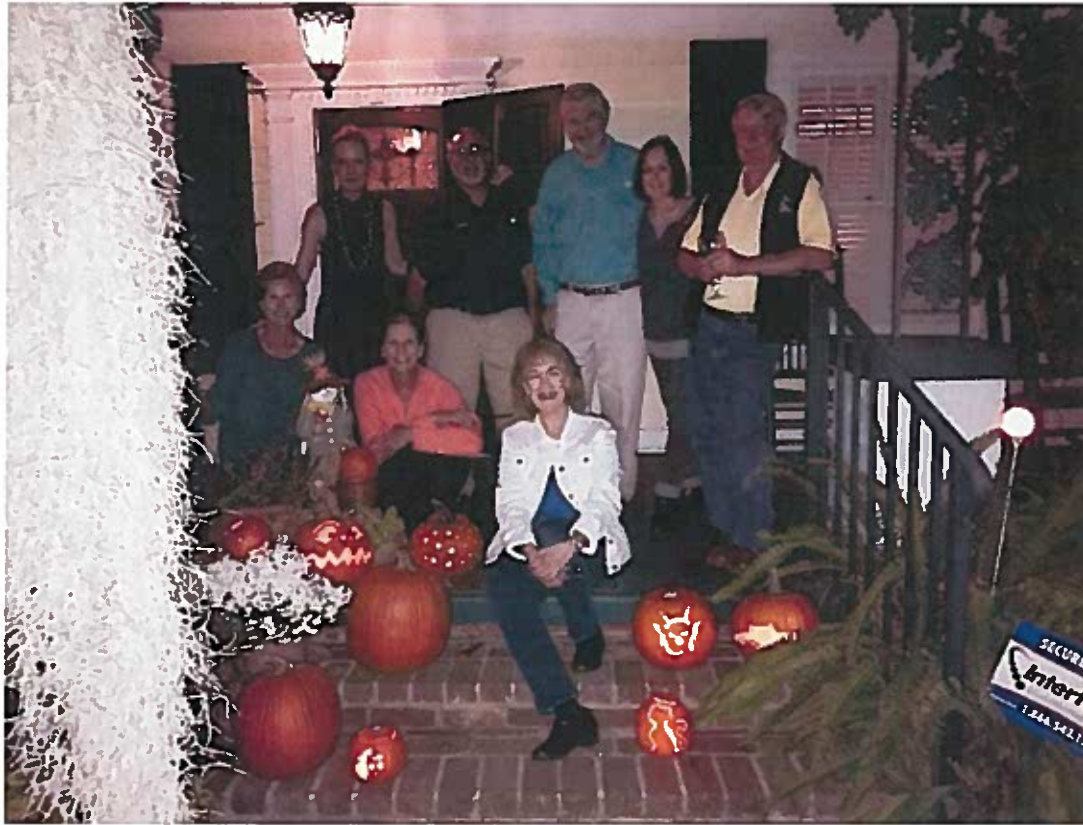
In the upstairs conference room

Change of Date: Ladies Lunch Bunch

Ladies Lunch Bunch will not meet in December. We will resume our regular schedule on January 18th...place to be announced!

Contributions by Credit Card

Based on our Annual Budget it takes almost \$2000.00 /day to run Good Shepherd. We don't talk about it that much but the Offertory -when we bring forward our offerings of bread, wine and money- is a big deal, spiritually and materially! What if you forgot your check book or only have a few dollars in your purse or wallet? Not to worry – Good Shepherd now takes plastic! You can make your donation in Hardtner Hall after each service. If you'd like to be trained to help handle donations speak with Ann Lindsay today.



Dinners for 8

Kay House, Fr. Jack & Joan Myers, Bob & Dolores Ward, Donna Little and Louis & Penny Haxthausen enjoyed carving pumpkins before dinner.



Faith & Friends

Food Pantry

The 5th grade Library Club from EDS volunteered to help out at the food pantry on Thursday, November 9th.



COR EVENT
Is it aging or
dementia?
Fun day all
around....



ROSEWOOD

2017

Eucharist		Lay Led
Dec. 5 th	9:30 am at Anne Phillips house to prepare gifts for the party.	15 th Christmas Party

2018

Jan.	5 th	19 th	(Anita)
Feb.	2 nd	16 th	(Ellie L.)
Mar.	2 nd	16 th	(Ellie M.)
Apr.	6 th	20 th	(Anita)
May	4 th	18 th	(Ellie L.)

St. Cecilia's Guild Meetings

All women of the church are invited to join in the fun!

December 11- Joint Christmas Party with Daughters of the King, 6 p.m.

January 8- Dinner and a Movie, 6 p.m.

February 12- Regular meeting, 7 p.m.

March 12- Regular meeting, 7 p.m.

April 2- Easter Egg Hunt at Sandra Leder's, Time TBA

May 14- Regular meeting, 7 p.m.

Good Shepherd Book Sale

Have an hour to spare? The "Bookies" could use your help. We meet on Monday mornings at 9:30 a.m. to sort books into categories. If you can't make it at that time, Polly Cole will be happy to train you and you can come as you are able between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Call Polly at 794-5717 to volunteer!

Little Free Library...My Little Free Pantry

EDS has a great new initiative in collaboration with the Rotary Club and Good Shepherd Episcopal Church. Little Free Library is an international program. It provides resources to place book exchanges where they can be a catalyst for improving reading motivation and/or deepening community connectedness. **The idea is to take a book and leave a book for others to enjoy.** The donations are made possible by any individual or partner organization who share a vision for spreading the joy and power of sharing books. Our goal is to inspire a love of reading, build community, and spark creativity by fostering a neighborhood book exchange. Please help us by sending one book for any age to church or to EDS.

Through Little Free Libraries, millions of books are exchanged each year, profoundly increasing access to books for readers of all ages and backgrounds.

Little Free Pantry - Here is a great and simple way to help folks in our neighborhood with food and other personal items. **LFP** offers a way for neighbors to help neighbors who are not easily able to meet everyday food and personal needs. LFP might stock after school snacks for neighborhood kids or that "cup of sugar" you never have when you need it. We can also offer fruit tree produce and other fresh food for others to enjoy and of course, canned goods.

Very soon you will see a cabinet standing across Kirkman Street facing Division. We would like to have everyone help us get it started by bringing into church: a book, a hygiene item or a canned good.

In all this I have given you an example that by such work we must support the weak, remembering the words of the Lord Jesus, for he himself said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." Acts 20:35

Poinsettias and Music for Christmas

In thanksgiving for _____

In loving memory of _____

Acknowledge to:

Deadline is Monday, December 18th.

Name _____

Address _____

Flowers _____ Music _____

Send your donation to Good Shepherd, 715 Kirkman St. Lake Charles, LA 70601

Nominations for Vestry & Delegates to Convention

Our Vestry Nominations Committee is now accepting nominations for people wishing to serve on the vestry. Terms are for three years and candidates must be **Members in Good Standing - (baptized and confirmed, regular in attendance and in the life of our congregation, and a financial contributor of record).**

If you, or someone you know, is interested in serving on Vestry, please place their name on the **Nomination Sheet** found on the kiosk in Hardtner Hall or contact a member of the Nominating Committee. Nominations will be posted on the Kiosk and nominees will be asked to submit a personal narrative to Margie Collins for publication in our January Newsletter (deadline - Dec 8).

Nomination Committee: David Painter, Martha Hoskins, Ed Khoury, Fred Rau, Rebekah Winter

ANNUAL MEETING- JANUARY 28, 2018

Before we all get busy with Advent and various holiday activities, we need to remember to put a few things in our "Congregational Pipe-line" now, before our Annual Meeting on January, 28th.

During our Annual Meeting we will review our finances, elect a new class of Vestry Members, and a new class of Delegates to Diocesan Convention.

**In order to accomplish these duties smoothly in January
we need to do three things NOW.**

Complete your 2017 pledge and make your pledge for 2018.

Nominate an interested person for vestry. The Nomination Committee will bring forward at slate of at least three (3) CANDIDATES FOR VESTRY. If you know someone or if you yourself are interested in serving on Vestry, sign them up on the Vestry Nomination Sheet* posted on the kiosk in Hardtner Hall or give their name to one of the Nomination Committee members.

Nominate persons to serve as Delegates to Diocesan Convention. Delegates to convention help elect persons to various diocesan posts, debate and vote on various resolutions regarding the future direction and policies of our Diocese. A Delegate Nomination Sheet* can also be found on the kiosk in Hardtner Hall. All candidates are encouraged to submit a personal history and statement of candidacy to our January Newsletter (deadline - Dec.8).

Qualified Voters at The Parish Annual Meeting shall include:

"All communicants (baptized members) in good standing of Good Shepherd Parish, who shall have attained the age of 16 years of and who shall have been contributors of record toward the support of said Parish during the period of one year next preceding such election, of which the Treasurer's books shall be the only competent evidence" (from Western Louisiana Customary)



Here I Am

Thanks to each one of you who joined us on October 1 in Hardtner Hall and to those who helped with the presentation. "Here I Am" is the name chosen that day as the title for the program to **inspire growth in Lay Ministry**. Each Sunday, representatives of Lay Ministry will be in Hardtner Hall from 9-10:30 a.m., after the 10:30 service and before the 6 p.m. service to answer any questions you may have and invite you to sign up. This information will also be included in the next month's newsletter. Were you surprised to learn that there are at least **50 Lay Ministry opportunities** at your church? All of them would welcome your helping hands. If you miss the presentations, you can help yourself to a fact sheet found in the file box on the "Here I Am" table. If there is a new ministry you are considering, talk to us or Father Jack.

Thank you leaders on the Worship Team who have already participated: Altar Guild (Gayle Polk & Jackie Carleton), Chalice Ministers (Martha Hoskins), Lectors (Mary Richardson & Ellie Marquez), Acolytes (Rachael Riquelmy & Laurie

Riquelmy), Choir (Janet Allured), Ushers (Susan Ardoin), and Security Ushers (Charles Dalglish). In November we will introduce the Vestry, Communications and Seasonal Ministries. Check it out!

Good Shepherd needs you to share God's grace and love with each other and with others outside our doors. If you are reluctant to commit, visit a meeting or event and see if it is something you would like to do. You will learn to appreciate the talents and gifts of others. Our symbol invites you to use your hands and hearts to serve others in God's name. Try it...you will be blessed in ways you can't imagine! God bless you and those you love,
Coral Jones and Missy Shaddock



Pray One For Another -James 5:16

Prayers are asked for: people suffering due to hurricanes, drought, flooding, tornados, fires and earthquakes; Polly Cole, Donna Little, Ned Lindsay, Crawford Pernici, Daryl Harper, Josephine Thweatt, Laura Fletcher Lindsay, Mike, Dean Collette, Trey Rowzie, Suzette Miller, Laura Meche, Sheila & Michael Chisholm, Rosemary, Stephanie Lemoine, Holly Boudreaux, Ron Futrell, Debbie Belair, Lessie Litzenberg, Ty Griffen, Ike Stanfield, Conner Gezell, Chris Clinkscales, Christy King, Paul Medus, Paul George, Jack, Steven Evans, Chrystal Butler, Allen Medus, Elonide Medus, Bob Vacha, Megan Rowzie, Bella Hahn, Pam Seal, Cole Cormier, Adeline Jackson, Hannah Linowski, Margaret Owens, Cammie Shaddock, Fletcher Pierson, Dr. Charles Smith, Quinton Savoie, Harvey Brown, Larry & Mary Ann Buc, Martha Schnauder, Lena Myers, Ronald Helmer, Lois Bradley, Mary Margaret Leaman, Christopher Graham, Sandra Richard, Joy Smith, Ethel Coulter, Bobby.

Safe Pregnancy: Amy Miller Hughes, Katherine Haxthausen Ponder, Kathryn Dalglish Chambley, Katie Hanudel Miles, Morgia Dampf Holmes.

Our continuing prayers are offered for: Bel Painter, Chuck Lemoine, Kay Noble, Gabby Saucier, Nancy Wyman, Nancy Draughn, Mildred Abraham, Caroline Hollins, Richard & Shirlene Clark, Buddy Leach, Luke Burnham, John Landry, Jenilyn Gibson, Susan & Knel, Mike & Marilyn Kudla, Ruth Gayle, Patricia Luff Wood, Carolyn Earhart Whittington, Marjorie Dempsey, Jackie Finch, Deneen Draves, Caroline Hammett, Emily Judice, Everett, Patricia Reeves, Cliff DeRousselle, Jaxon Sellers, Kayla DeRoache, Emily Carleton, Bobbie Holder, Jason Trahan, Bobby Thomas, Rocky Cormier, Charmaine Hufstедler, Riley Soder, Ollie Cavin and Katie Hoffman, David Crowe, Ginger Tatum, Sylvia Seals, Ruth & Bob Kickel, Danny O'Flaherty.

We pray for those serving in our armed forces: Major Christopher Ryan, US ARMY, brother of Heather Kelley; Petty Officer 3rd Class Cole Remy, NAVY, son of Kristi Smith; SPC Craig May US ARMY; Danasia London, NAVY; Chief Petty Officer Justin Phillips, NAVY, nephew of Margie Collins; SSGT John Dalglish, US ARMY, SGT Ariana Dalglish, US ARMY-honorably discharged, son and daughter-in-law of Linda & Charles Dalglish, Chief Petty Officer NAVY Brian Ponder, son-in-law of Penny & Louis Haxthausen.



Vestry

The Vestry of an Episcopal church is the governing board, responsible for the finances, facilities, and programs of the church.

The Vestry membership includes nine members from the congregation who are **elected by the congregation** at the annual meeting. A Vestry member is named Senior Warden. This person is responsible to serve the Priest including his interaction with the congregation.

The Senior Warden is named by the Priest as is the Junior Warden. The Priest presides over the Vestry meetings. The Treasurer attends all meetings as an ex-officio member as does the Principal of EDS. The financial report at each monthly meeting must be approved by the full Vestry. There is also a report from the Building and Grounds Committee. This report is supplied by the Junior Warden monthly.

Each year a Nominating Committee comprised of the retiring Vestry members will invite nominations from the congregation at large by way of a letter in our church newsletter and the Sunday Bulletin. Nominations can additionally be taken from the floor at the annual meeting. **This year's Nominating Committee includes: Ed Khoury, retiring Senior Warden, Fred Rau, retiring Junior Warden, Martha Hoskins, David Painter, and Rebekah Winters.**

The nine members of the Vestry each serve **three-year terms** with three members rotating off each year. Qualifications for Membership include the following: **The newly nominated members must be communicants in good standing, givers of record, and qualified voters. They should be available for meetings every fourth Monday of the month at 5:30 p.m. ending no later than 7 p.m.** Employees of the Church may not serve on the Vestry. **Each nominee should supply a brief resume for publication in the January newsletter (deadline is December 8) and also place their names on the kiosk in Hardtner Hall.** Questions? Call Ed Khoury, 304-5139.



Salvation Army Bell Ringing- Christmas Tradition

We need volunteers to sign up in Hardtner Hall to ring the bell on **Saturday, December 9th** and **Saturday, December 16** at **Sam's Warehouse** from **10 a.m. until 8 p.m.** We ask that the men in our congregation work the **7-8 p.m. hour.** *Annette Ballard and Laura Leach.*



Salvation Army Angel Tree

Be on the lookout for the Salvation Army Angel tree in Hardtner Hall in December. This ministry provides gifts to children who otherwise might not receive a present at Christmas. Pick your angel, **TAKE THE BOTTOM HALF WITH GIFT SUGGESTIONS, **FILL OUT YOUR NAME and phone number ON THE NUMBERED LIST, SHOP AND RETURN YOUR GIFTS THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 11TH.** Thank you for providing a little Christmas surprise for the less fortunate. *Thanks, Denise Morrell*
**** Important- so we know who has what child**

CONGREGATION CONVERSATION

Revised Schedule – First Sundays at 9:30 a.m.

- December 3 -** Ministry Focus -Discovering Your Spiritual Gifts
- January 7 -** Final Things - Power of Attorney and Wills
- February 4 -** Final Things - Planned Giving
- March 4 -** Final Things - Funerals Plans

(To be determined)-April 29, May 27, June 10, July 1, August 5

Men's Fellowship Breakfast on the first Wednesday of the month. Our new location is **Vicki B's Cafe`, 1201 Lakeshore Dr.** (on the corner of Lakeshore and Clarence). We will meet on **Wednesday, December 6 at 7:30 a.m.**

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HERE I AM



Thank you to the leaders on the Vestry (Sr. Warden, Ed Khoury), Communications (Martha Whelan) and Seasonal Ministries (Laura Leach, Annette Ballard, Denise Morrell) for presentations in November.

Leaders are present on their scheduled Sunday in Hardtner Hall from 9-10:30 a.m., after the 10:30 a.m. service, and before the 6 p.m. service to answer any questions you may have and invite you to sign up. If you miss their presentation, please feel free to locate a fact sheet found in the file box on the "Here I Am" table.



Next up for the month of December -

Dec. 3 - Children's Christian Education - Laura Cheaney

Dec. 10 - Youth Convocational Events - Karen Miller

Dec. 17 - Adult Christian Education - Virginia Webb

Please take a moment to thank those involved in lay ministry and consider God's call to us, "Send Me". Let's keep our hands to work and our hearts to God as we donate our time and talents. Any questions, please feel free to call Coral Jones 794-8920 or Missy Shaddock 439-9737

HERE I AM - volunteers to date - Laura Cheaney, Jessica Adams and Jane Storozyzyn have expressed interest in the Altar Guild; while Laura Cheaney and Ruth Gayle have expressed interest in Communications. Please visit the Lay Ministry table to see if there is something that sparks your interest.